



# School Administrative Unit 21

April 9, 2021

Dear SAU 21 Families and Community,

## **Safety Protocols**

It's definitely feeling like spring as we move through the month of April. That said, it is more important than ever to stay vigilant with regard to our safety protocols to maintain a healthy environment in our schools and community. Please remember to uphold protocols such as mask-wearing and social distancing as you enjoy the spring weather per NH Department of Health and Human Services.

## **NH Vaccine Anyone Age 16+**

New Hampshire residents age 16+ are now eligible for the vaccine. On April 19<sup>th</sup>, anyone in New Hampshire (regardless of residency) age 16 and older are eligible register to receive their COVID-19 vaccine via the website: <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/> or by calling 2-1-1. Data on the [NH DHHS COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard website](#) provides vaccination trends for your reference. Vaccine recipients who are age 16 or 17 years old may only receive the Pfizer vaccine, which is available at all state-managed fixed sites and Walgreens locations.

Seacoast and Strafford County Public Health Networks are both engaging in planning for an option that will be available to ALL students who qualify for a vaccine. This will likely be one location that operates over a one to two day period in the upcoming weeks in our region. We will provide more details as soon as possible.

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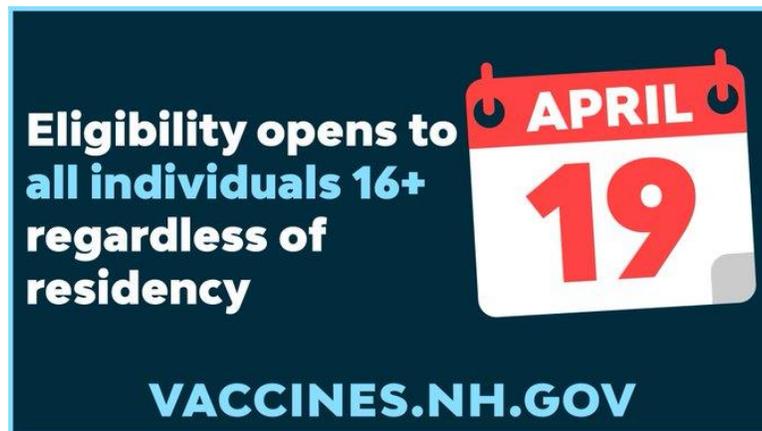
*Hampton Falls*

*North Hampton*

*Seabrook*

*South Hampton*

*Winnacunnet High School*



As always, please reach out to us if you have questions at any time. We are a community.

Sincerely,

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## Spotlight on Competency Based Education

As part of our continual efforts to showcase the Competency Based Education (CBE) work at SAU 21, we acknowledged a presentation from South Hampton Middle School at the April board meeting. Specifically, we were able to provide insight into teachers' planning processes related to the following:

- *Unit Design*- the process by which teachers designate and articulate the 'big ideas' or 'essential questions' in a given learning experience.
- *Defining Competencies and Supporting Standards*- the process of building upon discrete information and translating it into transferrable skills and ideas that can be applied outside the classroom.
- *Instructional Design*- looking at the specific activities that take place in a given unit. These activities are intentionally planned in order to offer voice and choice in student learning, while offering instructive feedback to students and families throughout.
- *Assessment Practice*- determining how student performance can be measured with quality and consistency. In other words, how can we allow students to demonstrate their learning through an authentic and measurable product or experience? How can we provide opportunities for students to have ownership in this measurement?
- *Integrating Habits of Learning*- articulating the non-academic aspects of learning, including communication, collaboration, self-direction, and innovation. These are traits essential to student success, and transcend subject area.

As always, the most exciting part of the presentation included work samples from a variety of students, featuring both argumentative writing and verbal presentation skills. Kudos to the staff of South Hampton for applying and sharing these practices with the larger community. We plan to continue this work and communication throughout all of our districts this spring/ summer.

- Dr. Hobbs, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Assessment, & Instruction

## COVID-19 Guidance & Resources / Nurses' Corner

VACCINE Phases, Information, Registration for New Hampshire <https://www.vaccines.nh.gov/>

[COVID-19 Testing Sites: SAU 21 Towns](#): SAU 21 Nurses compiled this table that includes testing site information from Newburyport to Hampton to Stratham.

[NHDHHS COVID-19 Schools Dashboard](#): The Schools dashboard shows COVID-19 data for schools and their surrounding communities. Select a specific county using the map on the left. This selection will display county-level COVID-19 activity and cases in every school in the county.

## Previously Shared Information

The following information was shared in a previous communication to families. The information is still relevant for this week and month and has been updated where appropriate.

## SAU 21 Updates & Notices

### SAU 21 School Board Meetings

Visit [SAU21.org](https://sau21.org) for Zoom links or location information.

#### April

2021-04-01 (Thu)	South Hampton School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm North Hampton School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-04-13 (Tue)	Seabrook School Board Meeting — 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm Hampton Falls School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm
2021-04-14 (Wed)	Joint Board Policy Committee Meeting — 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm
2021-04-21 (Wed)	Winnacunnet High School School Board Meeting — 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm
2021-04-19-23 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - No School - Barnard School, South Hampton
2021-04-26-30 (Mon-Fri)	Spring Break - No School - Lincoln Akerman School, Seabrook Schools, North Hampton School, Winnacunnet HS

## We are hiring!

SAU 21 is a great place to work and an equal opportunity employer. Please check out our website, [sau21.org](https://sau21.org) for current employment opportunities.

We currently have openings for:

- Teaching positions for the 21-22 school year
- Facilities positions at various schools, a night custodian position and two part-time positions
- Substitute positions including school nurse substitutes
- Educational Associates for our Special education program

If interested, please apply at: <https://www.applitrack.com/sau21/onlineapp/default.aspx>

## Meal Distribution Information

### SAU 21 Meal Distribution during COVID-19

Meals (breakfast and lunch) continue to be free for all students in buildings and learning remotely in 2021. We encourage full participation in our meal distribution program to any/all families regardless of free/reduced lunch eligibility.

#### Pick up

- **Meal Pick up** time is at least during **9:00am-10:00am** at **LAS, NHS, Seabrook, and WHS**.
- **Pickup will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** unless otherwise noted for holidays.
- Parents/guardians from all five SAU 21 districts may **pick up at any location** for any of their children.

#### Delivery

- **Delivery will be provided Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays** unless otherwise noted for holidays.

- [Click here to view the bus route.](#) Please check back frequently as stops and routes are subject to change. Please allow for a 3-5 minute range before and after the posted bus stop time. Buses will beep upon arrival to bus stops.
- Click here to access: [Family Food Resource List – Other Resources](#) (As posted on the [SAU 21 Meals Program Page.](#))

If you have any questions regarding receiving meals, please contact your Principal, Nutrition Director, or School Counselor/Social Worker.